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1. CHINA: Breakdown of peace negotiations--US Ambassador Stuart reports that the National Government dispatched a message on 20 April to the Communists, rejecting their proposed peace agreement and requesting a continuation of discussions. According to Stuart, the Communists have meanwhile informed the Nationalist peace delegation in Peiping that if by approximately noon of 20 April (Washington time) a negative answer, or no answer has been received to their proposal, the Communists will consider negotiations to have been broken off and will begin crossing the Yangtze River. Stuart also reports that the Nanking Government is taking steps for immediate removal of its remaining agencies in Nanking.

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